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SIM CARDS TO APPLICANTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of SIM Cards and Mobile Connections provided by the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and other Private Mobile Companies in the country particularly in Jharkhand and Bihar, exchange-wise and district-wise as on March 31, 2005;

(b) the total number of applications and the amount received by the BSNL to release SIM Cards in the country particularly in Bihar and Jharkhand;

(c) whether any time frame has been fixed by the Government to release SIM Cards to the applicants;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to provide regular mobile service in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The total number of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service connections (on GSM technology using SIM Cards and CDMA technology) provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and other private mobile companies in the country as on March 31, 2005 is 94,47,357 and 4,11,97,301 respectively. The number of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service connections provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and other private mobile companies in Bihar Telecom Circle Service Area (which includes the States of Bihar and Jharkhand) as on March 31, 2005 is 4,05,447 and 7,86,730 respectively. The district-wise status of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service connections provided by BSNL in Bihar and Jharkhand States is given in Annexure.

(b) The total number of applicants registered for Cellular Mobile Telephone connections on GSM technology using SIM Cards by BSNL in the States of Bihar & Jharkhand are 1,54,982 and 2,24,514 respectively and total amount of registration charges received by BSNL is Rs.20.57 crores.

(c) to (e) BSNL proposes to expand its mobile network by a capacity of 5.5 lakhs and 2.5 lakhs lines in Bihar and Jharkhand respectively in the current financial year to make available Cellular Mobile Telephone connections on demand.

ANNEXURE

DISTRICT-WISE MOBILE CONNECTIONS IN BIHAR AND JHARKHAND

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Mobile connections	Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Mobile connections
	BIHAR			JHARKHAND	
1	Ara	4974	1	Hazaribagh	13848
2	Buxar	3416	2	Giridh	4913
3	Begusarai	3322	3	Chatra	2215
4	Bettiah	5676	4	Koderma	2905
5	Bhagalpur	10111	5	Dhanbad	20858
6	Banka	2086	6	Bokaro	11030
7	Chapra	9320	7	Ranchi	37466
8	Siwan	3555	8	Simdega	1014
9	Gopalganj	5724	9	Lohardaga	1031
10	Darbhanga	10055	10	Gumla	1612
11	Madhubani	7071	11	Dumka	5116
12	Gaya	12369	12	Deogarh	7003
13	Aurangabad	2844	13	Sahebganj	2961
14	Nawadah	2881	14	Jamatra	1293
15	Arwal	608	15	Pakur	2400
16	Jehanabad	2777	16	Godda	3189
17	Vaishali	6241	17	Palamu	5774

18	Katihar	7724	18	Garhwa	2852
19	Purnea	4459	19	Latehar	975
20	Araria	2556	20	East Singhbhum	30382
21	Khagaria	1820	21	Saraikela	912
22	Kishanganj	3700	22	West Singhbhum	5863
23	Motihari	10208		Total	165612
24	Munger	3943			
25	Lakhisarai	2835			
26	Jamui	2304			
27	Shekhpura	1443			
28	Muzzarffarpur	14374			
29	Sitamarhi	3467			
30	Sheohar	815			
31	Patna	57721			
32	Nalanda	2586			
33	Saharsa	5641			
34	Supaul	2159			
35	Madhepura	2183			
36	Samastipur	3609			
37	Rohtas	9916			
38	Kaimur	3342			
	Total	239835			

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